

On motion of Alderman Brumond the matter was referred to the City Attorney for investigation and report.

On motion the time for holding the next meeting of the Council was fixed at 7 o'clock P.M.

On motion the Council adjourned

*John F. Erhart*  
City Clerk

Approved

August 21<sup>st</sup> 1874.

### Called Meeting of City Council August 21<sup>st</sup> 1874

Council called to order at 8.30 P.M.  
Mayor De Gress in the chair

Roll called and the following members answered  
Alderman Cook. Duffettong? James. Laramore. Hoad  
Robinson Taylor and others

Absent Alderman Brumond and Ward  
Gorum present

The Journal of Meeting of August 15<sup>th</sup> was read and approved

Alderman Mathews moved a call of the Council be postponed and the Marshal was directed to bring in the absentees

Alderman Brumond came in answered and took his seat

On motion of Alderman Robinson the call of the Council was suspended

The following communication was presented by the Mayor.

Austin, Texas August 21<sup>st</sup> 1874  
Hon. J. W. Clegg

Mayor to  
Austin Texas

Dear Sir

I beg leave to state to your honor that the people in the neighborhood of the Small Pox Hospital are very anxious to get this house in which there is a school. I have made arrangements so far as I am concerned for them to have it, but one of the rooms has in it, bedsteads, stoves, feather bed and other goods which were used by the small pox patients; of course this property should be saved for the City, or destroyed so that the disease would not again be disseminated. I have been informed that no danger could come from moving all furniture stove &c to town, but that the feather bed might infect the disease. Will your honor please direct the Marshal to at once remove or destroy the property, as to you may seem right, safe and proper, as the parties want immediate possession of the house. Notating that you will act on this matter at once I remain

Yours very truly

J. B. Schuler

On Motion of Alderman James the communication was received

On Motion of Alderman Brummond the communication of J. B. Schuler was referred to a special committee of three for investigation and report

Alderman Brummond, Taylor and Stithers were appointed on the Committee

Petition of A. Dlesoe stating that on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 1876 he paid to the City of Austin the sum of Ten dollars for license to peddle Brooms that he raises the corn and manufactures the brooms he is not required by law to pay such license and asks that the amount paid by him be refunded

On Motion of Alderman Cook the petition was laid on the table

The Committee on Market House submitted the following report

Austin Texas

August 21<sup>st</sup> 1877

To the

Hon. J. G. Davis

Sir:

Mayor

From Committee on Market House

was signed the petition of Mr. G. J. P. on the behalf  
of the coffee stand in the City Market. He was asking that  
his lease be extended to ten years from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March  
1848. Respectfully report that they have carefully examined  
the matter and recommend that the petition be granted  
believing it to be in the best interest of the city.

Respectfully

J. Larimore  
C. Buffington  
A. G. Cook Jr.

<sup>Committee</sup>  
Alderman Fremond moved that the report of the  
Committee be received and that the Mayor be authorized  
to have forspene the necessary lease in accordance with the  
report of the Committee. Carried unanimously.

The Cemetery Committee submitted the following  
report.

Austin Texas

Aug 21<sup>st</sup> 1848

Hon J. L. DeGress

Mayor

Your Committee on Cemetery to whom was referred  
the petition of Chief of Fire Department asking that Four  
(4) Lots in the new addition to City Cemetery be set aside  
and donated to the Fire Department as a burial place  
for deceased Firemen. would respectfully recommend  
that the petition be granted.

Alderman Robinson moved that the report of  
the Cemetery Committee be received and adopted and that  
the Mayor be authorized to make a deed to the Chief  
of Fire Department of Four Lots in the City Cemetery for  
the purpose petitioned for. Carried unanimously.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to employ  
counsel to defend the suit now pending against him and  
other City Officers and testing the legality to the amendments to  
the City Charter, which passed its third reading on August  
15<sup>th</sup> and further action postponed was taken up.

Alderman James Moore that the Ordinance do  
pass.

The Year and Days ordered and the Ordinance  
passed by the following vote-

Hon Alderman Fremond, James, Larimore  
Brown and Hethers

Two Alderman Cook, Buffington, Robinson & Taylor

Report of Special Committee

To the

Hon Mayor and Board of Alderman

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of Moore and Brosnan as City Sanitarians, have the honor to make the following report, that they find it necessary to have some reliable parties to whom the citizens may look to for aid in the enforcement of Sanitary regulations would suggest the propriety of the Mayor entering into such contract with said parties as may be to the best interest of the city. They using the orderless apparatus for cleaning all places as may be designated by the sanitary office. Secondly the parties having exclusive right to clean all such vaults, cesspools, basins and other places at a cost to be agreed upon by the parties having such places to be cleaned.

The prices to range from the minimum day twenty-five cents to the maximum of Ten dollars in proportion to the labor and trouble in so cleaning and disinfecting the same, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the above named parties till the city can be enabled to purchase the improved orderless apparatus for a more thorough cleaning and disinfecting the city.

M A Taylor

Chairman Com

On motion of Alderman Cook the report was received

On motion the words Sanitary office were made to read Health Inspector

On motion of Alderman Robinson persons are allowed to clean their vaults &c should they choose to do so

On motion of Alderman Cook the report as amended was adopted

1874 Alderman Duffinbaugh. Whereas on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 1873 a petition was presented to the City Council signed by 347 Citizens and Tax payers praying for the construction of a Steagon Bridge across Haller Creek on Mesquit Street; and that said petition was referred to the Committee on Streets. And Whereas said Committee having failed to make a report as required, A Resolution was introduced into council on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 1874 Authorizing the Mayor and Street Committee to advertise for proposals for the building of the Bridge prayed for. When said resolution together with the original petition was referred to the street Committee said Committee having failed to make a report as required.

to take any action in this premises, and no other  
imperious and urgent as is now demanded.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of  
Austin that the City Engineer be directed to at once  
prepare the necessary plans and specifications for  
the bridge needed for and that so soon as they are  
completed that the Mayor be authorized to advertise  
for proposals for the building of said bridge.

On motion of Alderman Cook the resolution  
was referred to the Street Committee.

### 13<sup>rd</sup> Cemetery Committee

To his honor the Mayor and City Council of the  
City of Austin

Be the Cemetery Committee recommended  
that the City Director be directed to cover the well at  
the City Cemetery with a good wooden cover. also we  
ask that he be authorized to purchase a pump and place  
it in said well.

M A Taylor  
Ab H Cook Jr  
S C Mathews

### Committee

On motion of Alderman Premon the report of the  
Cemetery Committee was received and referred back to the  
Committee with power to act.

The Committee on Streets asked for further time to  
report on the repairing of the gutters on Penn Street

Further time granted

The Mayor presented the name of <sup>as per my order</sup> T J Swartz  
and asked his confirmation

On motion of Alderman Stithes the nomination  
was confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition  
of citizens protesting against the leasing of a portion of the  
river walk for Tammoy purposes returned the  
petition with the following endorsement.

Be the Committee recommend that the written  
petition be laid on the table.

Ab H Cook Jr  
J. Larman

On motion of Alderman Cook the report of the  
Committee was received and adopted.

13<sup>th</sup> Ordinance Committee. An Ordinance  
referring an Ordinance #105, regulating Horse Yards

The Ordinance was read and passed to its second reading

Alderman Cook moved to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance on its second reading

The Yeas and Nays ordered and the motion to suspend the rules carried by the following vote

Yea Alderman Brummond, Cook, Daffernbaugh, James Lamour, Mass. Robinson, Taylor and Brothers, Nay none

The Ordinance was read the second time and passed to its third reading

Alderman Cook moved to further suspend the rules and pass the ordinance on its third reading

The Yeas and Nays ordered and the motion to further suspend the rules carried by the following vote

Yea Alderman Brummond, Cook, Daffernbaugh, James Lamour, Mass. Robinson, Taylor and Brothers, Nay none

The Ordinance was read the third time

Alderman Cook moved that the ordinance do pass

The Yeas and Nays ordered and the ordinance passed by the following vote

Yea Alderman Brummond, Cook, Daffernbaugh, James Lamour, Mass. Robinson, Taylor and Brothers  
Nay from

On Motion of Alderman Cook to adjourn

Approved Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1877

John J. Harlan,  
City Clerk